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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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In Re Application of:

Wentink

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Examiner: Andrews, Leon T.

Docket No.: 50337-1160

For: **Dynamic Transmission Protection in the Presence of Multiple Modulation Schemes**

REMARKS IN SUPPORT OF
PRE-APPEAL BRIEF CONFERENCE

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Sir:

Applicant submits the following remarks in support of a Request for a Pre-Appeal Brief Conference.

REMARKS

Applicant submits that the following clear legal deficiency exists in the rejection. Namely, the previous Office Action equates the ability to enter into a PARK mode with **determining** a power save status of a first station, which are two functions that are technically very different from each other. Even if the cited reference, *Awater*, discloses a park mode in a Bluetooth radio, as pointed out on page 2 of the Advisory Action mailed April 4, 2008, *Awater* fails to disclose a step of determining if the station is in power save mode. There is no determination step in *Awater*. Therefore, *Awater* fails to anticipate the claims.

I. Status

Claims 1-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Awater, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,046,649).

II. Rejections of Independent Claims 1, 6, 8, 16, 23, and 24 Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Independent claims 1, 6, 8, 16, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by *Awater, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,046,649). Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 is allowable for at least the reason that *Awater* does not disclose, teach, or suggest at least **determining a power save status of a first station**. Even if, assuming for the sake of argument, *Awater* discloses a park mode in a Bluetooth radio, *Awater* fails to disclose a step of determining if the station is in power save mode. There is no determination step in *Awater*. Additionally, *Awater*

fails to enable transmission protection at a second station based on the determination of the power save status.

The Advisory Action appears to argue that *Awater* discloses placing a station in Park Mode (condition A) when a IEEE802.11 transmission takes place (condition B). This is different from enabling transmission protection (condition C) if a station is in a power save mode (condition A'). In other words, *Awater* disclose if B, then A, whereas the claims recite if A', then C. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the disclosure of *Awater* fails to anticipate claim 1.

Independent claims 6, 8, 16, 23, and 24 are allowable for similar reasons. Dependent claims 2-5, 7, 9-15, 17-19, 21-23, and 25 are allowable for at least the reason that dependent claims 2-5, 7, 9-15, 17-19, 21-23, and 25 contain all the features of independent claims 1, 6, 8, 16, 23, and 24.

CONCLUSION

For at least the reasons set forth above, favorable reconsideration and allowance, or the re-opening of prosecution on the merits of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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